

**Claims**

1. A component footwear system comprising:  
a shoe comprising a sandal and a removable bootie,  
5 said sandal being provided with means for securing said sandal about a  
wearer's foot and including an outsole;  
said removable bootie being adapted to cover said wearer's foot and  
including a sole, said removable bootie being provided with means for securing  
said bootie about said foot;  
10 said sandal and said bootie being configured to cooperate with each other  
so that when said bootie is inserted into said sandal and secured therein, said  
sandal and bootie combination results in said shoe, and wherein said sandal and  
said bootie can be worn independently.
- 15 2. A component footwear system according to claim 1, wherein said sandal is  
open toed.
3. A component footwear system according to claim 1, wherein said sandal is  
further provided with toe protection means.  
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4. A component footwear system according to claim 1, wherein said means for  
securing said sandal about said foot of said wearer includes at least one  
adjustable strap.
- 25 5. A component footwear system according to claim 1, wherein said sandal  
further includes a heel support portion.
6. A component footwear system according to claim 4, wherein said sandal  
further includes a heel strap.  
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7. A component footwear system according to claim 1, wherein said means for securing said bootie about said foot of said wearer includes laces.